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SUMMARY: ADO PROPOSALS REF D

GRAIN STABILIZATION PROP BEING FINALIZED MAXWELL-BECKER.

EXPECT GRANT OBLIGATION FOR BECKER CONTRACT BUT NOT NECESSARILY TO 170,000 AS PRIOR YEAR FUNDS AVAILABLE. AGREE MAJOR CEREALS OBLIGATION CAN WAIT BUT REQUIRE FUNDS FOR PARTICIPATION EARLY FY 75. RRMT C OBLIGATION CAN WAIT IF P-F CONTRACT FUNDED OUTSIDE CONTRACT. AGREE DEOBLIGATION PRIOR YEAR FUNDS RRMT C BUT ONLY IF FUNDS RESTORED IN JULY 75. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE ADO/NIAMEY COMMENTS ON ACTIONS PROPOSED REFTEL A:

A. GRAIN PRODUCTION/MARKETING - MAXWELL-BECKER WORKING WITH ADO-GON ON GATHERING ALL INFO NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH PROP REVISION. ASSUMING PROP APPROVAL BEFORE END FY, ADO PREPARING DRAFT GA FOR DOLS 120,000 ADD-ON PRIOR END FY 74. ADO WORKING ON ASSUMPTION BECKER CONTRACT WILL PARTIALLY FINANCED BY PRIOR YEAR GRANT FUNDS, PER AGREEMENT WITH ENTENTE FUND. GARVEY/BECKER MEETING WITH ENTENTE FUND DURING COMING WEEK.

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ASSUMING DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY, OBLIGATION THIS ELEMENT CAN BE REDUCED TO EXTENT OF 62,000 IN PIPELINE.

B. MAJOR CEREALS- PROJECT OFFICER LATEEF HAS FORWARDED TO AID/WASHINGTON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE ADDED TO PROP ADDENDUM. MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS TO BE ELABORATED IN REVISION INCLUDE (1) CLEARER IDENTIFICATION OF GRAND DESIGN TRAINING ELEMENT OF PROJECT AND RELATIONSHIP OF SELECTED PARTICIPANT SKILLS TO WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS; (2) DEVELOPMENT OF CURRENT WORK PLANS FOR USDA PASA TEAM AT ZARIA TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON RESULTS MILLET-SORGHUM RESEARCH. SINCE PROJECT FUNDING BY DIRECT AID GRANT SCHEDULED TERMINATE AFTER FY 75, BELIEVE ABOVE COMPONENTS, IF SUFFICIENTLY CLARIFIED, WILL JUSTIFY PROP APPROVAL BEFORE END FY 74. (WOULD HOPE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR PARTICIPANTS COULD BE OBLIGATED, IF NOT FY 74, THEN EARLY IN FY 75.

C. RRMTTC - PROJECT OFF ARRIVED NIAMEY MAY 20 FINALIZE PROP AFTER WHICH IT AND TOGO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER PROP WILL BE HAND-CARRIED AID/WASHINGTON BY PURCELL. HOPEFULLY, PROP APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED BEFORE END FY 74. ADO OFFERS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PARAS 6 THRU 14, REFTEL D:

(1) AGREE AID/W ISSUANCE PIO/T INTERIM FUNDING P-F CONTRACT AS PROPOSED PARAS 11, 12.

(2) AGREE WITH DEOBLIGATION DOLS 310,000 72 FUNDS ONLY IF IMPERATIVE TO COMPLY WITH INTERNAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE/BOOK-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, TOTAL OF DOLS 610,000 FY 72/73 FUNDS FOR COMMODITIES FOR EQUIPMENT MUST CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO ENTENTE EVEN IF DOLS 310,000 IN FY 75 FUNDS MUST BE REALLOCATED NLT JULY '74 TO FILL GAP. ADO REASONING:

(A) STOP-ACTION ON ALL PROCUREMENT IN AUGUST 73, ENCOURAGED BY ADO AND IS ENTIRELY CONSONANT WITH EVERYONE'S DESIRE TO RETHINK ROLE AND PURPOSE OF PRACTICAL TRAINING COMPONENT OF RRMTTC FOLLOWING CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP OF BOTH CENTER AND P-F TEAM.

(B) NITTY-GRITTY DISCUSSIONS WITH PROPOSED RECIPIENTS OF MOBILE UNIT II - IVORY COAST AND UPPER VOLTA REVEALED THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO PLEDGE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FINANCING FOR MOBILE UNIT FROM THEIR OWN FUNDS AFTER TERMINATION OF AID SUPPORT. THUS, CONSENSUS OF DIRECTORS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND NEW CENTER DIRECTOR WAS THAT MOBILE UNIT II WOULD NOT SUCCEED AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED. CONCEPT, HOWEVER, WHICH WOULD FULFILL SAME OBJECTIVE-- THAT OF PROVIDING VEHICLE FOR PRACTICAL WORK

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FOR CENTER STUDENTS WHO HAD COMPLETED CLASSROOM WORK--COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH BEEFING-UP ALREADY EXISTENT PRACTICAL WORK TRAINING SITE. THIS CONCEPT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR CENTER. FIRST, IT IS LOCATED AT CENTER FOR CASE OF MANAGEMENT. SECOND, IS READILY AVAILABLE VEHICLE FOR ALL CENTER STUDENTS REQUIRING PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ROAD MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES. THIRD, IT IS CHEAPER TO OPERATE SINCE CENTER INSTRUCTORS CAN BE USED AND THUS HOUSING AND ATTENDANT LOGISTICS SUPPORT PROBLEMS WOULD BE REDUCED. FOR FOREGOING REASONS, CONCEPT ADOPTED BY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD IN DECEMBER 1973.

(C) NOW, AN UNPRECEDENTED, BUT MOST WELCOME, REPAIR EFFORT FOR 608 EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SPEARHEADED BY BHATTA, NEW P-F TEAM LEADER, AND GRENIER, NEW CHIEF P-F MECHANIC. THIS EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT UNREPAIRABLE, HAS PREVENTED PENNY--SALE OF NOW VALUABLE HEAVY EQUIPMENT BY AUCTION.

(D) PIO/C 20037 AMENDMENT NO. 1 NOW IN ABIDJAN FOR KAYA SIGNATURE FOR PURCHASE DOLS 300,000 NEW EQUIPMENT, PIO/C FOR SPARES FOR GOT MATERIAL IN DRAFT AT APPROXIMATE VALUE DOLS 100,000. RE-MAINDER (230,000) NEEDED COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PIO/C-30048 COMPLETED AND AWAITING GBARRE RETURN AND SIGNATURE. WILL BE FORWARDED AID/W WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

(E) IN FINAL ANALYSIS, ALTHOUGH ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS RATHER LENGTHY--OVER 8 MONTHS-- NEW PROCUREMENT WILL BE MORE DEFENSIBLE AND IN LINE WITH REAL NEEDS OF CENTER. UNTIL FINAL REQUIREMENTS SORTED OUT, REQUEST RESERVATION OF FULL DOLS 610,000 FOR PROCUREMENT BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO AVOID BREAKING FAITH WITH ENTENTE.

D. ACCRA-LOME TELECOM, AFRICAN ENTERPRISES, SUPPORT REGIONAL ORGAINZATIONS - NO ACTION REQUIRED.

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